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Text and Email Alerts

The City will officially switch from Code Red to Nixle on June 1st. Signing up for Nixle is FREE and simple. If you have a Smart Phone text your zip code to 888777 and you will receive emergency notifications from the City of Wichita Falls.

If you do not have a Smart Phone or you have a family member or friend who does not have one, they can sign up by going to nixle.com, click on Residents and then click on Resident Sign Up in the left-hand column or the “sign up” tab in the first photo. Follow the prompts and you will be registered. If you or your family or friends do not have access to a computer call 761-7401 or 761-7901 Monday through Friday from 8pm-5pm and someone will help sign you up. This service is FREE and can save lives by providing vital information during an emergency.

The Wichita Falls Police Department has been using Nixle for two years and worked

with City staff to study and test the system to ensure that it will serve the public with accuracy, reliability and ease of use.

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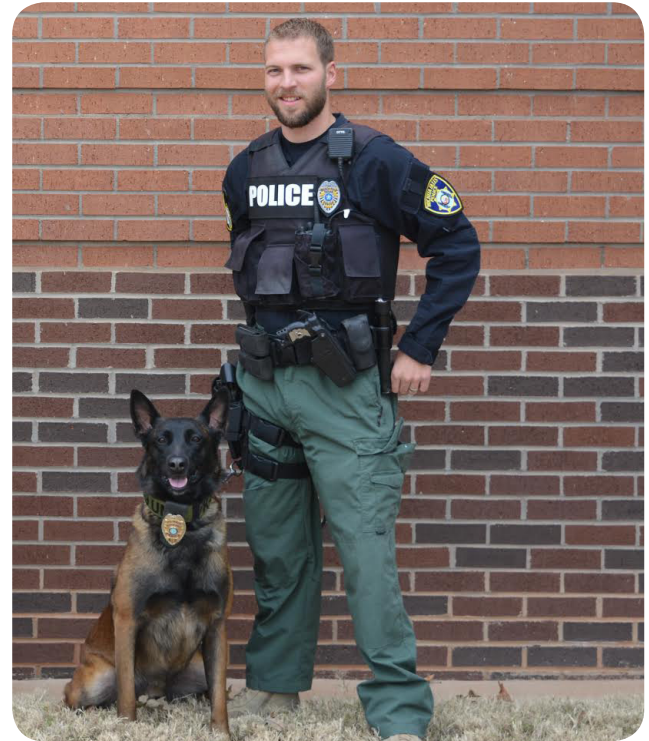
Anyone depending on this system for emergency alerts should sign up for Nixle immediately. Emergency alerts can include any number of emergencies or incidents requiring public action including: evacuation notices, “sheltering in place,” wildfires, missing children, road closures and weather related emergencies. The system can also be expanded to provide general information from the City’s various departments and divisions.

News



Officer New and K-9 Turko Honored

Officer New and K-9 Turko were recently honored by the Optimist Club of Wichita Falls at the annual ***Respect for Law*** luncheon. Officer New and Turko have also received awards through United States Police Canine Association (USPCA) for narcotics detection, and they also took 1st place honors in this year's narcotics detection through USPCA. The team is also certified with the National Narcotic Detector Dog Association and National Police Canine Association. The ***Respect for Law Program*** is an annual Optimist Club event with more than 1,500 clubs participating each year. The program was created to educate and inspire respect for law and dedicated service to the community.



Mail Theft **Alert**

The Wichita Falls Police Department has noticed an increase in mail theft which has recently included the theft of rent payments from apartment complexes.

Unknown suspects are accessing payment checks from the overnight payment drop slots. All apartment residents are encouraged to avoid using payment drop boxes and make all payments in person.

If a check is stolen, citizens need to contact the Police Department to file a report. In addition, it is advisable to call the bank immediately to close the current account and open a new one.

The Police Department is encouraging apartment managers to modify the drop boxes to help deter this type of theft.



Health Information



Rabies Awareness



The City of Wichita Falls Animal Services Center is encouraging all pet owners and citizens to increase their knowledge of rabies. To date, a third skunk has tested positive for the disease. All three skunks were located in the Southwest part of Wichita Falls.

Animal Services urges anyone who observes a wild or domestic animal, active during the day, appearing sick, fearless or aggressive, to contact Animal Control immediately at [940-761-7824](tel:940-761-7824). Do not attempt to capture or shoot the animal. Be aware that rabies can only be transmitted by saliva. Exposure may occur if scratched by an infected animal or whenever saliva enters an open cut or mucous membrane (nose, mouth, eyes).

Animal Services reminds citizens to not leave any type of food out overnight. This attracts unwanted wildlife into close quarters

with citizens and pets. For those citizens who feed community or feral cats, it is recommended to feed earlier in the day and not feed a large amount of food that might attract wildlife. Take up all bowls and secure trash containers overnight.

In the State of Texas, a rabies vaccination is required for all dogs, cats and ferrets over the age of 4 months and must be given by a licensed veterinarian. Livestock owners are also encouraged to vaccinate horses and other livestock as necessary.

If you have been bitten or scratched by an unfamiliar animal or wildlife, contact your physician or the Wichita Falls-Wichita County Public Health District for immediate assistance. Also contact City of Wichita Falls Animal Services at [940-761-7824](tel:940-761-7824) to make a report.

Health Information



Pool Preparation

Due to the ongoing drought, the City of Wichita Falls remains under a Stage 5 Drought Catastrophe. During Stage 5, public swimming pools cannot be filled using potable water supplied by the City of Wichita Falls. The Wichita Falls-Wichita County Public Health District has issued guidance documents for acceptable sources of water and treatment of the water for public swimming pools. These recommendations are designed to help pool operators provide a healthy swimming environment for the public with a consistent method of safe delivery of water to their facility without using City of Wichita Falls resources.

The Texas Department of State Health Services requires water well operators, who provide water for public swimming pools, to have a chemical analysis water test done once every 3 years. The results are provided to pool operators so they can adjust and treat the water to comply

with the recommended maximum levels of secondary constituents (chemical levels) before introducing the water into a pool. The Health District will require testing for microbial contaminants and pH of the well water and will routinely inspect swimming pools for microbial contaminants, pH, free available chlorine, and cyanuric acid.

While the Health District does not regulate private swimming pools, the guide is recommended for homeowners to use as well to keep their family and friends healthy while enjoying a swimming pool. The use of storm water collection/runoff or gray water is not permitted in public pools and is not recommended for use in private swimming pools. For questions, contact:

Environmental Health Division
940-761-7820

Information



Since 2008, Castaway Cove Waterpark has added new entertainment but has not added a new water ride or attraction. The Sidewinder, later named the Cliff Hanger, added in 2008, became an instant hit for the park and has remained the most popular ride since.

Park officials and the park management company, Amusement Aquatic Management Group, Inc. (AMG), proposed that the next attraction to be added to Castaway Cove should not only be the most thrilling and unique attraction Wichita Falls has ever experienced, but the most intense and thrilling waterpark ride that has ever been introduced in the state of Texas. The new ride is known as an AquaLoop.

By adding the first and only AquaLoop water thrill ride in the state, the park will be making a big splash with guests. Pirate's

Plunge will deliver a breath-taking experience for those who dare to ride it, as well as a thrilling spectacle for spectators.

The suspense begins as thrill seeking riders ascend the stairs to the top of the 60 foot tower, finally entering a capsule called the "The AquaLaunch." Their hearts will be racing as the door closes and the excitement begins in...3...2...1! The bottom drops from the launcher and the rider plummets into a 37 foot vertical free fall accelerating up to a speed of 40 mph, reaching 59 feet per second as they soar through the 360 degree loop. Spectators will be able to watch as riders fly through the waterslide because the AquaLoop is translucent. The ride is scheduled to be operational on opening day, May 9, 2015.

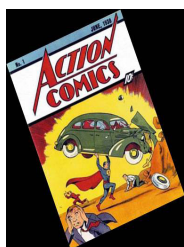
At the Library



Free Comic Book Day

May 2

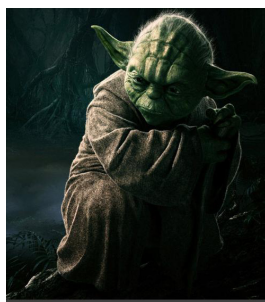
11 AM - 2 PM



Star Wars Day

May 4

9AM - 8 PM

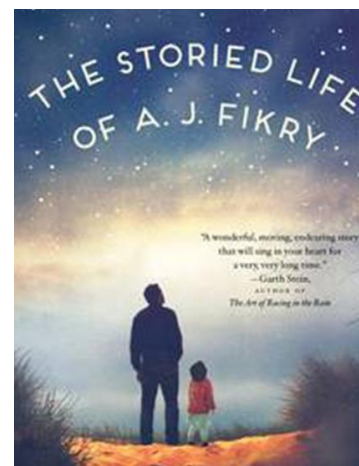


Book Discussion Group

May 5

6:45 - 8 PM

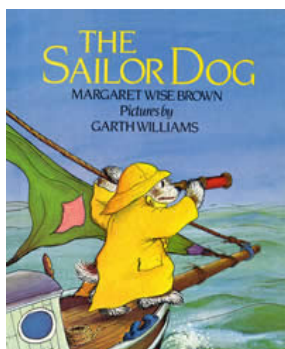
"The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry"



Toddler Time

Wednesdays

10:30 AM



Youth Crafts

Tuesdays (May 12 & 26)

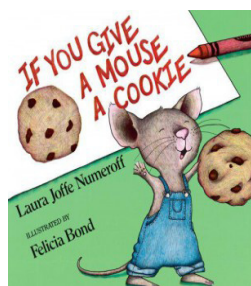
4 - 5 PM



Preschool Time

Tuesdays

10:30 AM



PJ Time

May 11

Children Ages 2-6

with Caregivers
Can bring blankies,
stuffed animals

7 PM



Information



Summer

Energy-Saving Tips

- Set your thermostat at 78°F or higher - every degree of extra cooling will increase energy usage six to eight percent.
- Use ceiling fans and portable fans to circulate the cool air.
- Install a programmable thermostat, patio covers, awnings, and solar window screens to shade your home from the sun.
- Shade south and west windows with plants or trees to block the heat during the summer.
- Close interior blinds, drapes, or shades to block the sun and heat during warm weather.
- Use a clothesline instead of a clothes dryer.
- Outside air conditioning units, or condensers, should be shaded.
- On warm days raise your thermostat to 80°F or higher if leaving for more than four hours. Setting your thermostat to a lower temperature than normal will not cool your home faster.
- Try to save heat and humidity-generating activities (cooking, laundering, and dishwashing) for early morning or evening hours.
- Use compact fluorescent light bulbs with the ENERGY STAR® label. Let dishes air dry instead of using your dishwasher's drying cycle.
- Turn off your computer and monitor when not in use.
- Plug home electronics, such as TVs and DVD players, into power strips; turn the power strips off when the equipment is not in use (TVs and DVDs in standby mode still use several watts of power).
- Lower the thermostat on your hot water heater to 120°F, and take short showers instead of baths. Wash only full loads of dishes and clothes. Look for the ENERGY STAR label on home appliances and products.



Events



Pet Adoption Program

Come out and adopt a wonderful, furry companion, and gain a loyal friend. For information, visit the website:

<http://texaspitcrew.org/contact/> or email:

texaspitcrew@gmail.com. Upcoming adoption dates, locations and times are:

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| May 2 | Petsmart | 12– 4 PM |
| May 9 | Petco | 12– 4 PM |
| May 16 | Petsmart | 12– 4 PM |
| May 23 | Petco | 12– 4 PM |
| May 30 | Petsmart | 12– 4 PM |
| June 6 | Petsmart | 12- 4 PM |
| June 20 | Petsmart | 12- 4 PM |



The City of Wichita Falls Animal Services photographs and lists all animals as they are brought in to the center. If you loose a cat or a dog, please check online at www.petango.com or come by the Animal Services Center at 1207 Hatton Rd. There are many adorable animals that are waiting to be adopted.

The adoption fee is \$50 which includes set of vaccinations (excluding rabies), dewormer, bordatella (for the dogs), flea/tick prevention, a microchip, heartworm test or feline leukemia test and a City license. The adopter is responsible for paying for the spay/neuter and rabies vaccination.

The Animal Services Center is open M-F, 11 AM - 6 PM and Saturday 10 AM - 2 PM. Information: 940-761-8894.

50 Plus Zone Activities



**50 Plus Zone
Hours of
Operation
Monday-Friday
7:30 AM -
7:30 PM**

Fitness Classes:

Morning Workout
M-F 9-10 AM

Chair Exercises:
Room 208B

Chair Yoga 9 AM-
Mon./Weds./Fri.

Chair Pilates 9 AM;
Tues./Thurs.

Stronger Seniors
M-F 10:30 AM

Zumba

Mon./Weds.
10 - 11 AM
Room 201

**Evening Zumba
Gold**

Tues./Thurs.
5:15 PM
Room 202

Walking Workout

Mon./Weds./Fri.
8:30 - 9 AM
Tues./Thurs./Fri.
10 - 10:30 AM

Gentle Yoga

Mon./Weds./Fri.
10:30 - 11 AM

**Drumming for
Fitness**

Mon. & Thurs.
1:30 PM; Rm 201;
Evening Classes held
in Rm 208A - Mon.
& Weds. 5:15 PM

Bingo

Tuesdays

9 - 10 AM

Fridays 9 AM

Room 216

Karoke

Mondays 2-4:30 PM;
Tuesdays 2:45-4:30
PM;
Thursdays 1:30-4 PM

Movies

1:30 & 5:15 PM

Tuesdays
Thursdays
New Release
Fridays

**May Birthday
Party-Brunch-
Health Talk:
Osteoporosis**

May 5th
10:30 AM
Zone Ballroom

Luau Feast

May 28
\$5 per person
5:30 PM
Zone Ballroom

Community Classroom

Mon., May 18 - 10
AM: *Preventing
Falls* -
Zone Ballroom 216

Bridge Lessons

Free!
Rm 212;
Mon. & Weds. 12 - 4
PM;
Thurs. 10 AM - 3
PM;
Friday 1:30 - 4:30
PM

Friday Night Live Band Dances

Fridays 7-10 PM
May 1 - Rusty Nail
Band
May 8 - Lone Star
Troubadours
May 15 - Southern
Rain
May 22 - Red Door
Band
May 29 - Smokin'
Ace Band

City Council Dates

May 5 & 19 - Meetings begin at 8:30 a.m. in Council Chambers at Memorial Auditorium, 1300 Seventh Street.

Events



The Dallas Zoo at River Bend Nature Center

May 13th, 14th, 15th
10:00 - 12:00 pm

The Dallas Zoo is coming to River Bend Nature Center May 13th, 14th, and 15th. There will be two animal shows each day at 10 AM and 11:15 AM. This 45-minute interactive program features animals from around the world! The program is open to schools and to the public. Groups of 10 or more must call to reserve their spot. Don't miss a chance to see these exotic animals up close. A great experience. Admission is \$5 per person, and babies age 1 and under are FREE. Call 767-0843, or visit www.RiverBendNatureCenter.org and follow them on Facebook.



City Calendar Links



<http://www.wichitafallstx.gov/calendar.aspx>



[Kauz](#)

[Newschannel6now.com](http://www.newschannel6now.com)



[CHOOSEWICHITAFALLS.COM](http://www.choosewichitafalls.com)



[Wichita Falls Convention & Visitors Bureau](#)



[Newstalk1290](http://www.newstalk1290.com)



<http://www.wfmpec.com/events/>



[Texoma'sHomepage](http://www.texoma'shomepage.com)



<http://www.mwsu.edu/calendar/index>

Events



Parks & Recreation Camp Registration Begins May 1st

The Parks and Recreation Department will once again be hosting three fun-filled and always popular summer camps for children ages 6 to 12 (depending on the camp chosen). Registration for the camps is at the Parks and Recreation Office, located in Room 209, on the second floor of the Wichita Falls Library, 10th & Indiana. Registration begins Friday, May 1st from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. The deadline for registration is one week prior to each session.

Session 1: June 8 – 19;

Session 2: June 22- July 3;

Session 3: July 6 – 17;

Session 4: July 20 – July 31

Camp Lots-A-Fun

50 campers maximum per session
Cost: \$70 per camper, per session
Ages 6-12



Creative Minds Camp

25 campers maximum per session
Cost: \$50 per two-week session
Ages 6-9



Camp Summer Fun

50 campers maximum per session
Cost: \$60 per two-week session
Ages 6-12



Saturday May 2nd

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

The City of Wichita Falls would like to encourage everyone to come out and help us celebrate the health benefits of safe bicycling, walking and jogging while enjoying and the City's circle trail system to kick off National Bike Month!



CIRCLE TRAIL TOUR

This **free** event will take place along the 14 miles of circle trail between Lucy Park and Lake Wichita Park. There will be Cheer Stops along the way, hosted by organizations that will provide drinks, snacks and prizes for participants. You can bike, walk, jog, walk your dog from any point along the trail, and go as far or as little distance as you wish. Just stop by a cheer stop and pick up a passport and have it stamped to be eligible to win one of several fun prizes. There will also be a bicycle helmet giveaway at Hamilton Park for any elementary school age student.



Email or call for additional details: mark.beauchamp@wichitafallstx.gov | 940-761-7643.

Parks & Recreation Events

Free Home Alone Clinic

The Parks and Recreation Department is offering a FREE Home Alone Clinic, Thursday, May 14th, from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm at the Wichita Falls Recreation Center located on the second floor of the Wichita Falls Public Library located at 10th and Indiana, room 203.

The clinic is for children ages 6-13 and their parents, but everyone is welcome to attend. Pre-registration is



encouraged and the program is free. The clinic will focus on personal safety, proper use of 911, latchkey kids, how to say “NO”, how to answer doors and phones when home alone, and much more. The clinic is presented by the Wichita Falls Police and Fire Departments. Space is limited, pre-registration is required. For more information and preregistration please call 940-761-7490.

After School Fishing

The Parks & Recreation Department, in partnership with Texas Parks and Wildlife, will hold their annual **After School Fishing** Program, on four days, May 5th, 7th, 12th, and 14th, from 4:30-6:00 pm, at the South Weeks Park Pond, 2005 Southwest Parkway.

The program is for boys and girls ages 5-16 and the cost is \$3 for the first child and \$2 for each additional child from the same household. Texas Parks and Wildlife will furnish bait, fishing tackle and personalized instruction on

common fishing techniques. If parents will allow a child to take home fish of legal size it is recommended that participants bring



a bucket or similar container to transport the fish. Parents might also want to bring drinks, snacks and sunscreen.

Registration is being held at the Wichita

Falls Recreation Center at 10th and Indiana Room 209, second floor of the Library. For additional information please call 940-761-7490.

Events Calendar

Retiree Appreciation Day

May 1, 9:00 AM-3:30 PM @ Sheppard Club

A Piece of My Heart at Backdoor Theatre

May 1, 7:30 PM-9:30 PM @ Backdoor Theatre

**Mayday Book Sale by Friends of the
Wichita Falls Public Library**

May 2, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM @ Friends of the
Wichita Falls Public Library

Wichita Falls Nighthawks vs. Cedar Rapids Titans

May 2, 7:00 PM-10:00 PM @ Kay Yeager
Coliseum

Open Forum Film Series: Giant

May 4, 6:30 PM-9:00 PM @ The Kemp at the
Forum

Didzun Honors Recital

May 5, 7:30 PM-9:00 PM @ Akin Auditorium -
MSU

KFDX Kids Fest

May 9, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM @ Ray Clymer
Exhibit hall

Cajun Festival

May 9, 12:00 PM-10:00 PM @
Farmer's Market, Downtown
Wichita Falls

**Dr. Ruth Morrow Faculty
Recital**

May 12, 7:30 PM-9:30 PM @ MSU Akin
Auditorium

Live at the Lake Summer Concert Series

May 14, 6:00 PM-8:00 PM @ Wichita Falls
Museum of Art

**Habitat for Humanity's County Fair &
Ranch Rodeo**

May 15, 7:00 PM-9:30 PM @ JS Bridwell
Ag Center

Sculpture Garden Opening

May 16, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM @ Kemp Center for
the Arts

MSU Commencement Ceremony

May 16, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM @ Kay Yeager
Coliseum

Arts at the Pavilion Opening Ceremony

May 16, 11:00 AM-8:00 PM @ Wichita Falls
Museum of Art at MSU

**Ken Nelson Band - Summer Outdoor
Concert Series**

May 19, 7:30 PM-9:00 PM @ MPEC

The Western Ballet

May 21, 7:30 PM-9:00 PM @ Memorial
Auditorium

A Tale of Two Cities

May 22, 7:30 PM-9:30 PM @ Wichita Theatre

**Wichita Falls Nighthawks vs. Green Bay
Blizzard**

May 23, 7:00 PM-10:00 PM @ Kay Yeager
Coliseum

**Black & White Band - Live at the Lake
Summer Concert Series**

May 28, 6:00 PM-8:00 PM @ Wichita Falls
Museum of Art

